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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 25, 2002, entry and consideration of
the following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows.

Add the following claims:

--95. (New) A recombinant vector comprising any of the sequences as
represented by SEQ ID NOs: 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, or parts thereof.

96. (New) A recombinant vector of claim 67 wherein said nucleotide sequence
is a nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NOs: 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 21, 23, 25, 27,
29, 31, or parts thereof.

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